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THE MORMONS.

THE ANTI-POLYGRAPHY BILL GOES TO THE PRESIDENT.

The Postal Appropriations Bill in the Senate—Report on the Disaster Caused by the Floods—Fifty Thousand People Without Food—The Chile-Peruvian Deal, Etc., Etc.

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Special correspondence Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—With so able a

clerk as Mr. George Bliss to advise him,

President Arthur should experience no difficulty

in running the government. Taking Bliss's

word for his own, the president, and thus

the government too. Whether the other

members of the cabinet have abdicated

in Bliss's favor, or he is a daring usurper, is

known to the public; whatever the

fact, Bliss rules—according to his own

count, rules everything. Not only will he

make it impossible for him to do justice

to the subject and himself, without neg

lecting them.

Mr. Hill continues to improve, and he grow

more confident that he is making a complete

recovery. His friends feel equally hopeful

that he is a president who, for a while, at

least, to keep from the whole world. The

only things which the whole world don't

know, or may not know, are those things

which Bliss is himself ignorant of—and for

that, it don't make much difference, for he

will undertake to tell you all the same. Of

course, we have to live with him, or are likely

to happen, without Bliss's co-operation, as well

as privily. Any day he will tell you what is

going to happen next, and when he becomes

confidential, as he usually does on the highest

key, the familiarity with which he speaks of

Arthur, calling him "Chet."

and other not names, is truly charming. The

practical joker would be delighted to go on, while

the instructed crowd of listeners, felt it by

they did not express satisfaction that he

had, well dressed, and mannerly resident

as a practical Lilliput. He is at least an intelligent Hercules. Some persons, sincerely at

dislike of Bliss, have felt like saying that there

is a disavowal in Bliss's mouth—such as

for instance, as seeking to impress

the president, and how great is his influence

in public affairs. However true this all may be, these friends of Arthur and old-fashioned

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WHAT IS GOING ON IN NEIGHBORING TOWNS.

An Incendiary Fire in Bainbridge—A Suicide and Panic in Birmingham, Alabama—The Conviction of Elberton Superior Court and the Cases and Lawyers Before It—Other News.

BAINBRIDGE, March 11.—[Special.]—A fire broke out in the back room of the frame store house of Mr. Allen, corner of Water and Broad streets, occupied by Charles Daniels, on Thursday night at half-past ten o'clock, destroying it and three other frame store houses adjoining. Two of the others were owned by the estate of Shepherd Belcher and one by Mrs. Birt B. Belcher. Loss, \$4,000; no insurance. Daniels' stock, about two hundred in value, totally destroyed, was covered by \$300 insurance. Mr. Ben Colbert, occupant of one of the houses, jeweler and sewing machine agent, between one hundred and one hundred and fifty dollars in valuable tools and damage to his stock removing it. Messrs. Fordham & Skipper, large grocery merchants, lost at least five hundred dollars in moving their stock to a place of safety. No insurance. Had not a heavy rain fallen about three hours before the fire, dampening these, now burnt up tinder boxes, it would have been impossible for the firemen to have saved the rest. The fire was the work of an incendiary beyond a doubt.

A PANIC IN BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 13.—[Special.]—This morning about 9 o'clock Mr. Poppenslag committed suicide in Jones's Restaurant, in Second avenue, by shooting himself in the head with a pistol, and producing instant death. He was a professor of music, and leaves a family to mourn his loss. The cause is not known.

On Saturday last somewhat of a panic was produced in this city by the hoisting of an advertising flag by Messrs. Moore, Moore & Handley. The flag was of yellow bunting with a black border and a star in the center. The people were somewhat afraid that smallpox would break out here, any day, they at once thought that it had made its appearance, and some began to prepare to leave. The health officer made the request that the flag be taken down, which request was promptly complied with, as the gentleman who hoisted it did not intend to frighten any one. Should you see any notices that smallpox is here you will know how it started.

ELBERTON CRIMINAL TRIAL.

ELBERTON, March 13.—[Special.]—Elberton superior court convened this morning, Judge E. H. Pottle presiding. Solicitor General George F. Pierce, Jr., is at his post and has his hands full of criminal business. Allen Blackwell, colored, who has been convicted of murder, and had a new trial granted him, comes up for trial again. He is now defended by General D. M. Dubose, Hamilton McWhorter, and Worley & Carlton, but the general impression is that he will be convicted again. The attendance of lawyers at the court will be large, quite a number have already arrived, among them are Messrs. W. M. Reese, M. P. Reese, D. M. Dubose and F. H. Colley, of Washington; T. W. Rucker, of Athens. It is possible that an adjourned term of the court will have to be held to clear the dockets.

PAT LONG'S GARDEN.

The Emerald Glories of a Laughing Ten Acres of a Macon Gardner.

Macon Telegraph.

"I'm going to see Pat Long this morning, and if you want to see one of the prettiest sights around Macon, hop up and let's look over his garden."

"Your lettuce looks well, Mr. Long," said Mr. O'Gorman, who acted the part of the gimp, while the reporter strolled away the results of the boring.

"Yes; this finds good sale. And it's rather strange about this lettuce. Some time ago it was a hard matter to sell this curled lettuce, but now it sells readily. I have both seeds and plants and the cabbage, head, and I continue to plant them all along the season. I put them in waste places, odd rows, and thus keep up a steady supply."

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THE SIGNAL SERVICE BUREAU REPORTS INDICATES FOR GEORGIA TO-DAY, WARMER EAST TO SOUTHERN WINDS, FAIR WEATHER, AND FALLING BAROMETER.

LYNCHING IS BAD, BUT IT IS TOO BAD TO APPLY TO TRAIN WRECKERS, SUCH AS THOSE WHO ARE NOW AT WORK IN TEXAS.

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania, is a curious place to be ravaged by small-pox. It is high and healthy, and the home of the Moravians; than whom no one could be cleaner or more particular in neatness.

A PROPER PARDON AND A CREDIBLE ONE, IS THAT OF POSTMASTER DICKSON, WHO WAS SENT TO THE AUBURN STATE PRISON FOR A YEAR FOR EMBEZZLING. MR. ARTHUR DID WELL TO LET DICKSON OUT WHEN IT APPEARED THAT HE WENT TO PRISON RATHER THAN HAVE IT KNOWN THAT HIS WIFE WAS THE THIEF.

A CONFEDERATE SILVER half dollar brought nearly a thousand dollars at an auction sale in New York yesterday. This may set some people looking for half dollars, but when it is remembered that there were but three others coined it will be seen that looking up old bonds would pay better.

THE PEOPLE OF NEW ORLEANS KEEP A SHARP EYE ON THE WALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN THEM AND THE MUDDIEST TIDE IN THIS COUNTRY. IF IT ISN'T GIVES WAY THE CRESCENT CITY AT ONCE BECOMES A FRESH-WATER VENICE. IT IS UNNECESSARY TO SAY THAT SHE HAS NO AMBITION TO RIVAL THE ITALIAN CITY IN A MUDDY SEA.

JOHN SHERMAN'S REFUNDING BILL IS IN THE HANDS OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE HAS HAD IT SEVERAL WEEKS, BUT HAS NEVER CONSIDERED IT. ITS TIME HAS BEEN CHIEFLY GIVEN TO DEVISING WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH THE MONOPOLISTS CAN HOLD ALL THEY HAVE GOT AND COLLAR NEW PRIVILEGES AND PROFITS.

ATLANTA, WITH ALL ITS PRACTICAL SENSE AND BUSINESS BUSTLE, CAN FIND A TIME AND PLACE FOR A LITTLE LOCAL ROMANCE, SUCH AS THAT OF THE OLD HOUSE ON THE STATE ROAD. WITH US A BUILDING FIFTY YEARS OLD HAS MORE ASSOCIATION OF SENTIMENT THAN THE MOST BATTERED OF ENGLISH RUINS, AND THE SKETCHES OF SUCH A BUILDING CONVEYS FEELING WITH IT.

IT IS NOW GENERALLY CONCEDED BY SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE THAT THE SESSION WILL LAST FAR INTO JULY. THE TARIFF, THE CHINESE, THE MORMONS, THE NAVY, THE INTERNAL REVENUE AND A SCORE OF OTHER SUBJECTS, ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AND LEGISLATED UPON; AND PROGRESS AT THE PRESENT RATE WILL TAKE ALL SUMMER TO ACCOMPLISH THE NECESSARY WORK.

THE SENATE'S ANTI-POLYGAMY BILL WAS PASSED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THIS IS AS IT SHOULD BE. WHAT IS NECESSARY IS THAT MORMONISM SHALL BE DEALT WITH AT ONCE. MERE PARTISAN LEGISLATION INTERFERES WITH THIS AIM. IF THE DEMOCRATS IN THE HOUSE ARE AFRAID THAT THEY CAN'T REMODEL THE UTAH GOVERNMENT, THEN THEY HAD BETTER RETIRE FROM OFFICE. MOST OF THE GEORGIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO VOTED, VOTED THE RIGHT WAY.

THAT WAS A HAPPY THOUGHT OF ONE OF OUR LEADING MERCHANTS THAT THE \$3,000 FUND ON HAND OF EXPOSITION MONEY SHOULD GO TO THE THREE MOST FLOURISHING AND DESERVING ATLANTA INSTITUTIONS. THE PRO RATA AMOUNT TO BE RECEIVED BY EACH STOCKHOLDER ON DIVISION WOULD BE TRILLING, WHILE THE TOTAL WOULD NOT BE INCONSIDERABLE TO THE INSTITUTIONS TO BE BENEFITED, AND DOUBTLESS THE STOCKHOLDERS WILL AGREE TO THE SUGGESTION IF THE SUBJECT IS PROPERLY LAID BEFORE THEM.

A NEW AND HIGHLY ORIGINAL AND ENTERTAINING STORY OF HOW GEORGIA SECEDED, AS TOLD BY THE GENIAL COLONEL MARK BLANDFORD, MAY BE FOUND IN ANOTHER COLUMN. THE CONSTITUTION HAS NO IDEA, WHEN IT REPRINTED "GATH'S" STORY PICTURING COLONEL LAMAR, OF THE MACON TELEGRAPH, AS A TODDY MIXER, THAT THE STORY WOULD GO THE ROUNDS OF THE STATE PRESS AND CREATE SUCH A STIR AS IT HAS DONE. COLONEL BLANDFORD DEALS IN PICTURESQUE AND VIGOROUS LANGUAGE, AND HIS EPITHEM OF A "MODERN ANANIAS" MAY PENETRATE MR. "GATH'S" SKIN ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM RESPOND; AT ANY RATE, THESE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTEMPORARY HISTORY ARE VERY READABLE AND WELL WORTH PUTTING ON RECORD.

COLLECTOR CLARK KINDLY ENABLES US TO MAKE A SHOWING OF THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE SINCE HE HAS HELD IT. IT CERTAINLY IS STRIKING, AND THE ADVOCATES AND OPPONENTS OF THE ABOLITION OF THE REVENUE TAXES WOULD DO WELL TO CONSIDER THE STRIKING FIGURES. IN THE FIVE YEARS WE LEARN THAT IN ROUND NUMBERS 20,000 GALLONS OF SPIRITS, 100,000 GALLONS OF MASH, EQUIVALENT TO 40,000 GALLONS OF SPIRITS, 23,000 CIGARS, 200,000, 1,000 STILLS OF A PRODUCING CAPACITY OF 350,000 GALLONS OF SPIRITS A YEAR, WERE SEIZED, AND 3,000 MEN, OR IN EVERY FIVE HUNDRED OF GEORGIA'S POPULATION, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. THE MOST STRIKING FIGURES ARE GIVEN LAST. THE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE RECORDS THE DEATH OF TWELVE REVENUE OFFICERS WHO WERE KILLED IN MAKING THE RAIDS. THE SHOWING FOR THE OTHER SIDE IS NOT MADE, ESPECIALLY THE DEATHS OF "MOONSHINERS" KILLED BY OFFICERS. ONLY THE PAGES OF THE NEWSPAPERS GIVE ANY IDEA OF THE NUMBER. ONE SUCH DEATH IS RECORDED TO-DAY, AND ANY NEWSPAPER MAN WHO HAS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SUBJECT KNOWS HOW HARD IT IS TO GET THE FACTS IN SUCH CASES. RUMORS OF DEATHS ARE NOT AT ALL UNCOMMON, BUT THE MOUNTAINEERS KEEP THEIR OWN SECRETS, AND THE REVENUE MEN TELL NO TALES. IN VIEW OF ALL THE QUESTION MAY WELL BE ASKED, IS THE GAME WORTH THE FIGHT?

REDUCTION OF TAXATION. THE SCHEMES OF THE TARIFF MONOPOLISTS ARE SO FAR ADVANCED THAT IT IS REPORTED THEY WILL

SOON BE ABLE THROUGH THEIR COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS TO BRING IN A BILL PROVIDING FOR A REDUCTION OF ABOUT \$65,000,000 IN INTERNAL TAXATION. THEY PROPOSE TO REDUCE THE TAXATION ON DISTILLED SPIRITS FROM NINETY TO FIFTY CENTS A GALLON; ON MALT LIQUORS FROM ONE DOLLAR TO SIXTY CENTS A BARREL; ON TOBACCO FROM SIXTEEN TO TEN CENTS A POUND; ON CIGARS FROM SIX TO FOUR DOLLARS A THOUSAND; AND TO ABOLISH TAXES ON MATCHES, BANK DEPOSITS AND CHECKS, AND PROPRIETARY MEDICINES. THEY ALSO PROPOSE TO REDUCE THE SPECIAL TAXES AS FOLLOWS: RECIPIENTS FROM \$200 TO \$100, AND FROM \$120 TO \$60; WHOLE SALES LIQUOR DEALERS FROM \$100 TO \$60; RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS, FROM \$25 TO \$12; MANUFACTURED TOBACCO, FROM \$10 TO \$6; DEALERS IN MANUFACTURED TOBACCO, FROM \$5 TO \$2.50, AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO, FROM \$10 TO \$6.

ALL THIS IS VERY PLEASANT TO MANY PEOPLE, VERY PLEASANT TO STILL MORE, AND VERY CONSOLING TO THE TARIFF ROBBERS. THEY WANT TO CUT DOWN THE INTERNAL REVENUE TO THE LOWEST POSSIBLE SUM IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SAY TO THE COUNTRY THAT THE PRESENT TARIFF MUST BE MAINTAINED. WE WOULD INDEED BE FORTUNATE TO ESCAPE INCREASED TAXATION.

AS MIGHT BE SUPPOSED, JAMBO WAS LED BACK TO THE GARDEN, BUT A WRITER FOR THE LONDON PRESS HAD VISITED THE SPOT, AND THE NEXT DAY THE TELEGRAPH CONTAINED AN EXCELENTLY LACHRYMACEOUS ACCOUNT OF THE AFFAIR. THEREUPON ALL LONDON BECAME AGITATED, AND THE PAPERS TEEMED WITH DULL COMMUNICATIONS BEGINNING, "TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES, SIR." EVEN THE "EDITOR OF THE TIMES, SIR," WAS ADOPTED AND WROTE AN EDITORIAL AS HEAVY AS THE ELEPHANT, AND THEN ALL THE EDITORS OF THE LONDON PAPERS, SIRS, TOOK THE MATTER UP. AS WE HAVE SEEN, EVEN MR. LOWELL, WHO, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF MR. WHATSHISNAME, IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THE EXISTENCE OF HIS NATIVE CLIME, AS IT WERE, TOOK OPPORTUNITY AT A DINNER—PROBABLY GIVEN FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE—TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE ONLY BURNING QUESTION BETWEEN ENGLAND AND THE COUNTRY HONORED AS THE BIRTH PLACE OF MR. CONKLING WAS THE JUMBO DISCUSSION.

A FAMILY PAPER PUBLISHED A LONG ARTICLE HEADING, "HOMEKEEPING HEREFORTH." "MUSICAL HEAVENS!" CROANED A DISTRACTED MOTHER OF FIVE CHILDREN AND KEEPER OF ONE HUSBAND AND TWO SERVANTS. "I OUGHT TO THINK THOSE WERE GOING TO BE ANYTHING BUT MUSICAL," SHE REPLIED.

THE BOSTON HERALD QUOTED THE LONDON TIMES AS SAYING, "WE DECLINE TO PAY FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE JUMBO'S HEAD.

RHODE ISLAND OPENS THE SERIES OF CONTESTS IN APRIL, FOLLOWED BY OREGON'S ON THE 5TH OF JUNE. NO INTEREST OUTSIDE OF THE NARROWS OF THE STATE WILL BE TAKEN IN RHODE ISLAND'S ELECTION, BUT THE OREGON CONTEST WILL BE WATCHED FOR TWO REASONS—FIRST, BECAUSE THE STATE IS FIGHTING GROUND, AND SECONDLY, BECAUSE UPON THE COMPLEXION OF ITS NEW LEGISLATURE WILL PERHAPS DEPEND THE CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AFTER THE 4TH OF NEXT MARCH. THE REPUBLICANS OF OREGON ARE NOT HARMONIOUS, WHILE THE DEMOCRATS, LED BY GOVERNOR THAYER, WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION, ARE NOT.

IN AUGUST ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD IN KENTUCKY, ALABAMA, AND TENNESSEE. KENTUCKY ELECTS ONLY A CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS; AND THERE WILL SCARCELY BE ANY OPPOSITION TO THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE. ALABAMA WILL CHOOSE A GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE, AND THE NEW LEGISLATURE WILL ELECT SENATOR MORGAN'S SUCCESSOR. THE STATE IS SAFELY DEMOCRATIC, AND MR. MORGAN IS REASONABLY SURE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF. SENATOR HARRIS' TERM EXPIRES NEXT MARCH, AND THE RESULT IN TENNESSEE WILL BE WATCHED CLOSELY ON THAT ACCOUNT. MR. HORACE MAYNARD IS ALREADY ANNOUNCED AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE SEAT THAT GOVERNOR HARRIS FILLS, AND THERE IS NO END TO THE PLOTS TO ELECT A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR. THE WHOLE DEBT ISSUE HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP AGAINST THE VALUE OF MR. BARNUM'S INVESTMENT, AND IN AFTER YEARS, THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN JUMBO WILL BE REGARDED AS MORROW-MINDED PROVINCIALS. AS AMERICANS, WE WISH MR. BARNUM WELL.

IT IS SUSPECTED THAT JOHN LOGAN DECEIVES MR. WHATSHISNAME'S CABLE DISPATCHES. IF NOT, LOGAN'S COPYRIGHT HAS BEEN INFRINGED UPON.

MR. WATERMAN WILL TAKE CHARGE OF THE FORSYTH ADVERTISER NEXT WEEK.

TELLER AND JOHN, BOTH REPUBLICANS, JOIN THEIR LEADER, SENATOR EDMUND, IN DECLARING THAT THE NEGRO IS UNDESIRABLE AS A CITIZEN AND A NEIGHBOR. WHAT DO OUR COLORED FRIENDS THINK OF THIS?

FOR ONE IN HIS LIFE, SENATOR EDMUND, THE RECOGNIZED REPUBLICAN LEADER IN THE SENATE, LIFTED THE CURTAIN ON NORTHERN REPUBLICANISM. HE ANNOUNCES THAT IN NEUTRAL VERMONT AND MASSACHUSETTS WOULD AFRICAN IMMIGRANTS BE REGARDED AS DESIRABLE ADDITIONS TO THE POPULATION. NEITHER HEAR NOR DAWES DARED TO DENY THE STATEMENT, SO FAR AS THEIR OWN STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS WAS CONCERNED.

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THE IRON NETWORK.
NEWS ABOUT THE WORKINGS OF SOUTHERN RAILROADS.

Terms of the Thomasville and Gulf—Some Points About the Memphis and Charleston Contract. The East Tennessee—Selma, Rome and Dalton Plas Athens and Jug Tavern.

PETERSBURG, Va., March 14.—The annual report of E. T. D. Myers, president of the Petersburg and Weldon railroad, will be submitted to the annual meeting of stockholders to be held to-morrow. It will show the gross earnings of the road for the year 1881 to have been \$300,057; expenses, \$123,982.42; receipts past two months, \$52,867.45. The receipts of the road for the past year show a heavy increase over previous years.

MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON.
New York and Boston.

On the 8th inst. we gave the particulars of the contract by which this road took for its stock certain securities of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, and became part of the latter. By the terms of this contract the Memphis and Charleston stockholders get securities of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, which are to-day selling for over \$60, and every advance in East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia of one per cent gives three to the Memphis and Charleston stockholders. This is outside of deposit in the treasury of the Memphis and Charleston, and gives the road a large surplus and paying off their debt. The Memphis and Charleston has but lately substituted iron bridges for all its wooden ones, and steel rails for iron on all but a few miles, which has been provided for. Meanwhile, the ballasting and grading of the entire line has been renewed. The Memphis and Charleston is one of the straightest lines in the union, and the most even of grades. It runs through the very heart of the cotton, lumber and coal fields of Alabama and Tennessee, and has a local business not excelled, if equalled, by any other southern line. During the ten years, including the war, or between 1857-67, the operating expenses averaged but 49 per cent of the gross earnings. As a member of the great East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia system, the Memphis and Charleston is destined to increase its net earnings and give the system greater strength. The low prices of securities concerned in the roads mentioned in this article are the result of ignorance by investors. Those already in will earn on their income investment 10 to 12 per cent besides increase in value. The consolidation of the Memphis and Charleston with the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia, under circumstances so favorable to the stockholders of both, is largely owing to the indefatigable effort, patience and remarkable ability of Vice-President Baxter, one of the youngest, but already one of the foremost, railroad managers and authorities of the United States, and whom no one is better informed as to the conditions, needs and possibilities of southern railroads.

THE SELMA, ROME AND DALTON.
Selma Times.

B. H. Craig, register of the state of Alabama, is in the city of Selma, and is engaged stamping the second mortgage bonds of the Selma, Rome and Dalton railroad. Legal proceedings are to be begun at once for the redemption of the road in the interest of the holders of the above named class of bonds.—New York Banker and Broker.

Having heard several rumors during the past few months regarding the redemption of the road, and the fact that Mr. Craig, reporter set out to find some one in Rome who could throw light on the subject. Several gentlemen were approached on the subject, but from them we failed to elicit any further information. Towards evening we met a gentleman who was at one time connected with this road. On being asked if he knew anything of the movement of the road, he said, "I am not connected with it, but he did, but had nothing to say to the public. He was informed as to what the 'Banker and Broker' had stated, and replied: 'Well, that's just about the truth of the whole matter.'"

A Times reporter noting the notice of Mr. Craig's presence in New York in the 'Banker and Broker' set out on a similar mission yesterday to the office of Col. C. C. Pierce, and failed to say more with similar results. Several gentlemen were found who knew considerable about the matter, but all declined furnishing anything for publication. Mr. Craig is not as the 'Banker and Broker' has it, register of the state of Alabama, but holds the office of register in chancery for the middle division of this state. That there is substantial foundation for the statements given above concerning the Selma, Rome and Dalton property cannot be doubted.

ATHENS AND JUG TAVERN.
Athens Banner and Watchman.

The railroad from the Thomasville and Gulf is now due to be in if our city will do its duty. Within the past week over half enough money has been promised to grade and cross the line, and when that is done Mr. Wadley will put on the iron and equipments. A prominent merchant of our city says he will be one of twenty-five men to give one thousand dollars, and three persons present stepped up and added their several receipts to the contribution. One gentleman was heard to say he would give \$5,000, and make it \$10,000, if necessary. \$25,000 is all required, and we feel no doubt but what the sum will be subscribed in a very few days. Every one knows that this road is essential to our city's prosperity. If we do not build it we will lose the trade strip on our border. Athens is a growing, ever expanding, grasping territory that legitimately belongs to Athens. By building this short line we will not only save a section that we now have, but recover lost ground. Let us not longer stop to cogitate over this road. Gentlemen now have the matter in hand who know no such words as fail. We can also have that a new tariff bill would be passed by congress at the present session.

TRAIN-WRECKING.

Two Attempts to Work Disaster in Texas—Cutting the Airbrakes in Chicago.

On a little side table there was laying all that remained of what was once a human habitation—a skull. Observing that it was an object of curiosity, Mrs. Edwards said that one day shortly after the war, a servant brought it in, saying she had found it in the wheat field.

"Well, it was not long until you had some visitors from the other side."

"General Geary then made this house his headquarters. He had often been in my native town in Scotland, so we soon became fast friends. He often writes to me, and is a noble soul."

Thomasville Enterprise.

We are satisfied of the fact that the road could be made to pay so far as the distance between Thomasville and Tallahassee, a considerable good, both to freight and travel, and once a line of steamers could be arranged between Carrabelle and New Orleans, our merchants could make great savings in freight, while the lands along the line would be largely enhanced in value. Mr. Page promised to correspond with Colonel Wright and let him know what the syndicate of the Thomasville and Gulf had to say in regard to the project, and upon what terms they would build from Tallahassee to Thomasville.

THE CAROLINA CENTRAL.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 14.—The directors of the Carolina Central railroad, at a meeting at Wilmington, on Wednesday, made a May 10th, a general manager of the line John C. Winter general manager of the line from Winston to Wilmington, Raleigh, and Augusta, and the Central Central railroads. Captain W. W. Chamberlain of Norfolk, was made financial agent for the same three roads.

TEXAS COTTON
WORK DISCONTINUED.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 14.—The New Sulphur Springs special says work has been discontinued temporarily on the Texas and St. Louis railroad, and the construction hands have been ordered to Arkansas to close the gap there.

THE EAST TENNESSEE.
The Narrow Escaped a Passenger Train on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad.

The dividing point on the Selma Division, for engines and men, heretofore at Patoma, was transferred yesterday to Anniston. Patoma's light has gone out, and we have to wait until noon to see if the gulf will be a lively place.

A MARVELOUS ESCAPE.

The narrow escape of a passenger train on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railroad. Special to Cincinnati Gazette.

XENIA, March 14.—Saturday afternoon, as he New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio ex-

press, which arrives here from the east at 5 o'clock, was approaching Muscine's creek bridge at Oldtown, three miles north. Engineer William Maguire discovered a switch open about fifty feet from the bridge. He immediately reversed the engine and put on the air brakes, and together with the fireman jumped from the engine, which ran against the side of the bridge and fell into Oldtown into the creek twenty-five feet below the bridge, a covered structure eighty-five feet in length, falling upon it. The forward baggage car struck the falling bridge, stopping the train and preventing a horrible disaster.

Engine 202, one of the best on the road, is almost completely dismantled, but the only person in the least injured is William Johnson, fireman, who was slightly bruised in jumping.

Considering the high rate of speed at which the train had been running, and the fact that the danger point was almost reached, the escape of passengers and crew is among the marvels. The presence of mind of the engineer is highly commendable.

About 100 men under the direction of Superintendent Ralph Peters are at work among the 4,000 men engaged in getting the road ready for traffic in a short time. Meanwhile trains will go to Springfield by way of Dayton. The switch had been left open by section men who had been at work in the vicinity.

MR. DISSTON'S FLORIDA SCHEME,
Glowing Accounts of the Value of the Great Land Purchase.

Philadelphia Record.

Mr. W. G. Huey, of this city, who, in company with Mr. Hamilton Disston, has been on a trip to the great land tract purchased by Mr. Disston in Florida, and his friends, in Florida, has returned home highly pleased with the value of the purchase and the immense possibilities of the future in the development of the land. The purchasers have already located 1,000,000 acres of splendid pine and cypress timber, which alone is worth many times the amount paid for the entire 4,000,000 acres. Mr. Huey, in an interview with a typical Scotchman, stood ready to give that welcome so characteristic of his countrymen.

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THE OLD HOUSE.

ITS HISTORY, ITS TRADITIONS AND ITS DIFFERENT OWNERS.

A House that Bore the Brunt of Battle and Sheltered the Chiefs of Contending Armies—Joe Johnson's Surrender and Geary's Occupancy—The Scouts—The Story of the Skull.

Just where the valley of the Chattahoochee begins to break into the hill lands upon which the city of Atlanta stands, about three miles nearer the river, and hidden from view of the traveler on the State road by a thick copse of woods, stands a quaint old country house, that has many interesting features connected with it. It is built of logs, roughly hewn on both sides, divided into three spacious rooms, and fronted by a wide veranda, from which an excellent view may be had of the valley on one side, sloping down toward the river, presenting a picture of landscape and sky as beautiful as any ever limned by Italian brush; while on the other side the rising hill shows a coat of stunted growth in contrast with the dull gray of the overhanging clouds. A short drive on a pleasant afternoon in 1868 brought the writer out to this favorite spot, where the hospitable proprietor, George Johnson, a son of the old Scotchman, stood ready to give that welcome so characteristic of his countrymen.

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